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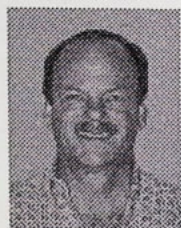
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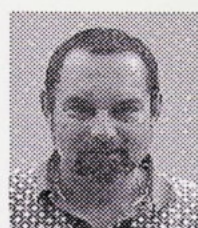
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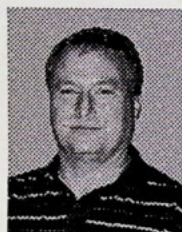
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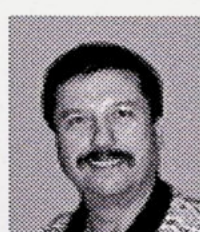
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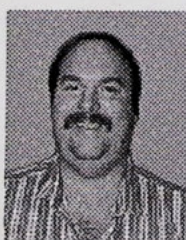
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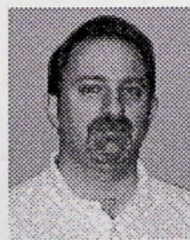


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OUR COVER PICTURE

Not all historically interesting coins are pretty. The cover photo is of a two reales cob struck for the Spanish royal government in 1652 at Potosi in what is now Bolivia. Cobs were typically irregular in shape because they were struck on blanks cut from a bar of silver. This one is unusually irregular. Two reales, or two bits, would have been about the size of what was to be the United States quarter.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My Friends, Fellow Collectors & Dealers:

After a recent trip to Kansas City, in April to the ANA Spring Show, I am here to tell you that your NCNA made a presentation to the ANA board to attempt to hold another ANA Show in Charlotte, NC in the Spring of 2008. I am sad to report that even with the best efforts put forth by Director Gregory Field, who made an excellent presentation to the ANA, we were outdone by Phoenix, Arizona for the 2008 Spring Show. The most likely reason is that the 2008 Arizona Statehood Quarter will be issued in the Spring of 2008 and therefore it was a natural tie-in for the ANA and for Arizona. We are now looking into the opportunity of trying again, for maybe the 2010 or 2011 ANA. We will keep trying, that's what your NCNA is here to do for you, to make numismatics always better in the Carolinas.

I want to take a moment and thank all who attended our last board meeting, and also to thank the Winston-Salem Coin Club, for having put on a wonderful Coin Show in April.

Thanks to all the club members from the Winston-Salem club, who did a great job putting on a well attended show and for providing the NCNA, a meeting room for our last board meeting at that show. We had some very good things come out of the last meeting. I am happy to say that the ANA will be in Hickory for our Fall Convention and to put on a two day seminar for any and all to take part in. Yes, there will be a cost involved but it will be well worth the price of admission. There will be more information in the months ahead in upcoming Journals.

One other topic and then I'd like to finish up. Membership, Membership, Membership ... I cannot strive to tell you of the importance it is to an organization to have a healthy, solid base for the organization to be able to carry on the tasks it needs to do. We are constantly looking for new members. With the increase in collectors, and new clubs forming all the time, if you are reading this and are not a member think about becoming an NCNA member or even a Life member. Believe me the benefits, will outweigh the costs of membership. And we can always use a few "Good men / women" and Young Numismatists as well.

In closing I'd like to remind you of the fact that it is that time of our year when we really need you. There is a place for you in the State Organization. If you are interested in working with the NCNA and even being a Director, Treasurer, or some other position please contact Dot Hendrick, call 1-919-848-9450 or see her at the shows she regularly attends,

We need your help. Run for the Board !!!

Numismatically Yours,

Barry Ciociola

Wanted a Few Oddball North Carolinians

Part III

The Die Manufacturing Process

By David W. Boitnott

In the last couple of installments we have discussed the planchet manufacturing process and what possible errors could be created there. But, when all is said and done these planchets would be as worthless as washers without holes if not for the end product of the next process in producing our modern coinage. If you'll recall, error enthusiasts who specialize in type collecting have a method to their madness called the "PDS" system. Well, we are now ready to explore the second letter, "D" which incorporates the die manufacturing process and the errors that can be introduced as the dies are made, readied for and used to produce our coinage.

Of the three classifications of error types, the individual processes involved in producing the dies have probably undergone the most improvement in terms of eliminating errors. Of course, this has been much to the chagrin of variety collectors. With the exception of the recent leaf varieties found on the money side of the 2004 Wisconsin Statehood Quarter, there has not been much to get excited about in the realm of die varieties in many years. The slightest hint of an anomaly in the dies used for a given issue has been the catalyst for much hoopla within the variety collecting community. However, even these are becoming fewer and farther between and tend to fade from the mainstream hobby press almost as quickly as they appeared.

Die production actually begins in the artistic world when the sculptor-engraver prepares a clay model of the new coin

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design. Once perfected, a plaster cast of the clay model is made. The negative image in the plaster cast is touched up by the artist before it is in turn used to cast a metallic (usually bronze) galvano of the design. We now have a large durable metallic copy of the artist's original model that can be mounted on a reducing lathe and turned down to produce a coin sized master hub.

What is a "hub" you ask? Well, if a die is to a coin what a negative is to a photograph, then a hub is like a picture. From the master hub, master dies are made by pressing the master hub's positive image into the softened steel of the master die creating a negative image in the master die. The soft steel of the newly created master dies is then hardened so they can be used to press a positive image into new working hubs. In turn, these working hubs are hardened and used to create the working dies. Hardened the working dies are mounted in a press, planchets are feed in, and BAM! we have coins. The theory is that by using one master hub to make say 10 master dies, which in turn make 10 working hubs each, which then make 10 working dies each there will be 1000 working dies available for use. Having all been derived from the same source they would all be exactly the same.

Mintmarks, which were once punched by hand on each die before hardening, are now incorporated on the artist's

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original clay model. One can see using the process above that this guarantees consistent style and placement of the mintmark from die to die. No more RPMs (repunched mintmarks), no more misaligned mintmarks, no more large and small varieties, no more clear or filled mintmarks – no more fun!



Figure 1: Reverse of NC Quarter with a central die crack

Even though the hub-die-hub-die process outlined earlier has been in use for decades it has seen improvements in the last decade in the metallurgy of the dies and hubbing press technology that has resulted in the transfer from hub to die or die to hub being accomplished in a single impression. Thus, if properly executed, no more true double dies – again no more fun!

So what does this leave for us to collect in this category? Well, mostly all that's left are in-service failures – cracks, chips, cuds, etc. Yet, even these are getting tougher as improvements in the die manufacturing process have made it less expensive to replace dies at the first sign of trouble.

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Nominations are also solicited for:

The **John J. Pittman Award**, as NCNA Numismatist of the Year. Nominations should be forwarded to Scott Arney, PO Box 1036, Hildebran NC 28637 by the first of September.

The **Ted Hendrick Award**, as NCNA Dealer of the Year. Nominations should be forwarded to David Boitnott, 8501 Stephenson Rd., Apex NC 27605 by the first of September

The **NCNA Junior Numismatist of the Year Award**. Nominations should be forwarded to Greg Cheek, 133 Walnut Ave., Yadkinville NC 27055 by the first of September.

Applications for exhibit space at the 2005 Convention should be forwarded to the Exhibits Chairman: Alan Flowers, 8 Glenmore Dr., Durham NC 27707.

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AUG 2005

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State Fairgrounds, Raleigh NC, Dot Hendrick
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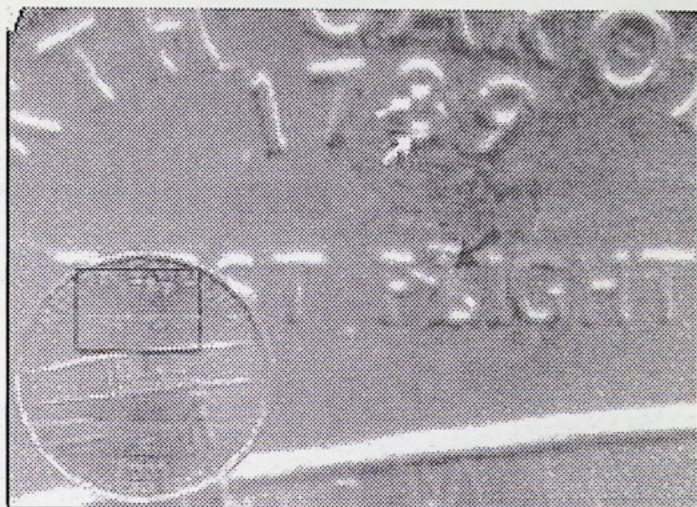
I have not encountered any major die breaks on the North Carolina Quarter. Neither have I found any with cuds – an advanced stage die crack that originated on the rim and terminated at another point on the rim resulting in a piece of the die breaking off. Actually to date, the only statehood quarter reported with a cud is the Kentucky. However, I have included a few pictures of some minor North Carolina die failure errors to illustrate this category. They should be self explanatory.



Pair of defaced dies used to strike NC Quarters

No effort was made to include these minor die breaks in my census or to seek out every possibility. Thus, for those with good eyesight and infinite patience, the search of mint bags and rolls of North Carolina Quarters may well yield additional examples. For those like me who lack these attributes, they can be found on eBay for a few bucks apiece. Unless, of

course, you are bidding against some "oddball" putting an exhibit and series of articles together on "oddball" quarters who refuses to lose!



Reverse of NC Quarter with die cracks in FLIGHT and 1789

There is one additional potential for the creation of an error that is quite rare but since it has been seen on other Statehood Quarters warrants mention. What if somehow, perhaps through clerical error, a die was delivered to the production department that had not been hardened?

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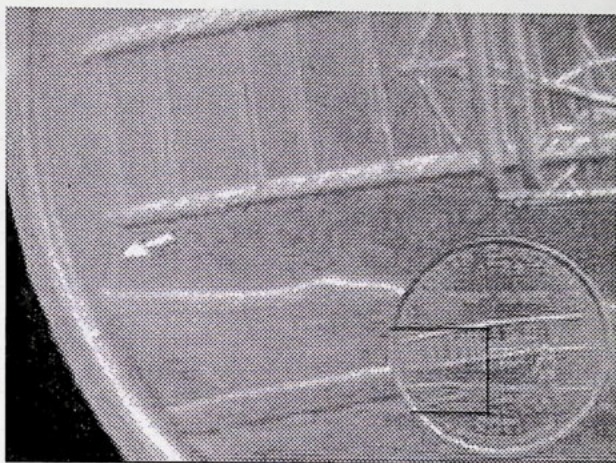
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What strange looking coins would be produced as the soft die deforms more and more with each blow until it work hardens?



Reverse of NC Quarter with a die crack at the left wingtip

Certain Connecticut Quarter errors have been discovered where the reverse field looks very wavy which has been attributed to an improperly hardened die. The same effect has also been noted on some Maryland Quarters. Unfortunately, nothing this interesting has been found on our North Carolina Quarter – yet, for the quest continues!

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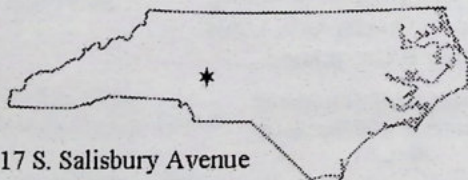
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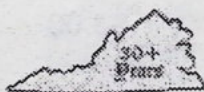
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